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HEADTEACHER: Mr T Hardcastle

Re: March 2024 update

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to you after a *very* busy, *very* productive half-term. Since February, our older students have been preparing for the crucial weeks and months ahead. Our Year 11 and Year 13 students have completed their final season of mock exams. These exams gave students a realistic experience of what the summer season will be like. Following these mocks, the students must act on the guidance and feedback from their teachers, work hard, and take advantage of the support available to them. Our Year 10 and Year 12 students have an opportunity to showcase their hard work in mock exams that will be held shortly after Easter.

We **dream big** here at Wickersley, and there's been lots more happening too. Trips, expeditions, competitions, tournaments, rewards, Careers Day, fundraising efforts - and even a visit from world boxing champions! Well done to those who have **risen to the challenge** and worked hard throughout this half-term.

To help you fully support your child with their education, I would like to outline a few important messages and changes:

Uniform and equipment

Uniform and equipment are important. **Taking pride in our appearance** and **being equipped to learn** is the Wickersley Way. We recommended that students bring a pencil case to school each day that is stocked with pens, pencils, and other necessary equipment. They should also carry a bag that is large enough to hold their exercise books, mobile phone, PE kit, and a water bottle.

Over the Easter break, please take time to check that your son or daughter has all of the equipment they need, especially our older students in the run-up to the exam season. If they need help getting equipment, please encourage them to speak to their form tutor.

Chromebooks

As we move towards reducing mobile phone use in classrooms, I encourage students who have their own Chromebooks to bring them to school every day, just like their pencil case and exercise books. When their teacher asks, students can then easily access the internet and complete activities, without having to wait to borrow a Chromebook.

Please don't worry if your child doesn't have access to their own Chromebook. We'll always make sure that there are plenty available for all to use.



Easter school and revision challenges

In addition to the extra support that is taking place during term time, over the Easter holiday, some teachers will be delivering extra revision sessions in school for our Year 11 and Year 13 students. Your son or daughter should already have been told if they are required to attend any of these sessions.

Some of our teachers have gone the extra mile and planned structured revision tasks for students to complete over the holiday, too. Please take the time to ask your son or daughter whether this applies to them, and encourage them to complete these over the break.

All the best from Wickersley

Over the next two weeks, many of us will be spending time with our families, relaxing and celebrating. I would like to wish you and your family a relaxing and enjoyable holiday.

Have a good break and thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Mr T. Hardcastle
Headteacher